



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 16-025: SCOTCH CREEK WILDLIFE AREA CULVERT
REMOVAL

Description of Proposal:

- An old culvert has failed causing soil washout at an earthen filled crossing of Scotch Creek. We would like to remove the earth fill, and old culvert and replace with a wooden foot bridge. The culvert and creek crossing is a small area of 13 feet long by 10 feet wide at the headquarters of the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area.
- We propose to excavate the earthen fill and old culvert with a standard backhoe. Slope the banks 2:1 and seed the disturbed soil with native grass. We estimate removing a total of 5 cubic yards of soil.
- Two 6' ecology blocks will be placed as bridge abutments on either side of the creek and a 15' x 6' wooden bridge deck placed over the creek.
- We have the ability to divert the creek through a previous pipeline put in by WDFW to bypass the project area. The construction site will be completely de-watered before any soil disturbance occurs, thus protecting fish life and preventing any sedimentation.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Headquarters of the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area, 1514 Conconully Road, Okanogan, Okanogan County, Washington: Township 35N, Range 25E, Section 21.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on May 31, 2016.**

Method of Comment: The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: May 17, 2016

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2)

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